

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTALITIES
FUND LOCAL PROGRAMS

Programs within the Conference geography have been the recent recipients of grant aid from a number of UCC instrumentalities. At the end of December Oregon Fair Share was informed that the Board for Homeland Ministries would contribute \$4,500 to the Oregon group's toxic waste project. During March and April Fair Share will conduct a series of informational cluster meetings throughout Oregon as well as a major educational event in May. Also at the end of December the UCC Hunger Action Fund approved a \$2,000 grant to the Washington County Energy Coalition located in Hillsboro. The grant was made to enable the Hillsboro-based group to continue their energy education work on behalf of the elderly and poor.

The Board for World Ministries made a January grant to Portland-based Sponsors Organized to Aid Refugees (SOAR) to aid in their refugee work, including their new efforts among the Hispanic community. At the same time the Office for Voluntary Service, BHM, was making a \$4,000 grant to enable an East coast volunteer to volunteer her services to the Hispanic Women Project which is a project worked out between the United Church of Christ in Forest Grove and Centro Cultural in Cornelius.

The Office for Church in Society awarded a \$4,500 peace project grant to the Idaho Peace Task Force, Ecumenical Association of Churches in Idaho, to be used in funding an organizer to help develop a communications network in the Treasure Valley. Ellen Albus and Caren Caldwell, Boise First, were instrumental in securing the grant which was requested through the Conference Mission and Outreach Department.

At their February meeting, members of the Conference Executive Board learned in a report from Don Sevetson and Gene Ross that national instrumentality grants awarded to and through the Conference have amounted to approximately \$143,500 in the period between 1981 and January, 1984.

NEW BHM HEAD
TO ADDRESS SPRING ASSEMBLY

When delegates and visitors attend the 1984 Spring Assembly of Central Pacific Conference at the Community Church of Cedar Hills on May 4-6, they will have the opportunity to hear The Reverend Dr. Charles Shelby Rooks who will have occupied for only three months the post of Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

The direction of his leadership at the Board was suggested in his comments as he began his work: "It is crucial we regain as members those who have left the church in the past few years. They include some of our most valuable people. It is important we reach out to them, as well as gain new members, at the sametime renewing our commitment as a mission board to all of those in need -- the poor, the hungry, children and those who are older, those who are cold and those who are troubled.

Dr. Rooks will be joined in addressing the Assembly by The Reverend Dr. Miles Shishido, Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Pacific University. Both keynoters have been invited to center their presentations on the Assembly theme, "The Children of God Coming into Their Own."



There will be a special edition of the NEWS in May containing the annual reports of Conference staff and the departments and committees.



CONDON COUPLE TO GUATAMALA

Van and Rose Rietmann, members of Condon UCC, spent February 1 through 22 working in a Roman Catholic Mission in Guatemala sponsored by the Diocese of Montana. While there Rosie was involved in a nutrition project and Van helped with an agriculture project. Last year the Rietmanns journeyed to Cuba. They are eager to share their insights and perceptions of that troubled part of the world with churches of the Conference. Churches interested in arranging for them to speak can write them at Box 446, Condon, OR 97823. The Mission and Outreach Department is attempting to arrange for the Rietmanns to share their experiences at Spring Assembly.

PACIFIC DEAN DIES

Charles Trombley, known to many Conference churches through his recruitment efforts over the years, died on January 29. Dean Trombley served as Dean of Students for 22 years after previous service for 11 years as Director of Admissions. A graduate of the music school, Trombley continued to teach voice. Music was his avocation. He performed over 30 principal roles in opera for the Seattle Park Opera Co. and the Mozart Theater and the Repertory Theater in Seattle, the Portland Opera Company and other groups. He was also one of the founders of the Theater in the Grove in Forest Grove.

At their February meeting, members of the Conference Executive Board passed a resolution commemorating the life of Trombley and expressing sympathy to the Trombley family and the Pacific University campus.

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE

"Rano No Fiaianana" ("Water is Life") is available from the Conference office to be used in promotion of the OGHS Offering. While the filmstrip is specifically about water development programs in Madagascar, it is useful in interpreting the kind of work and the style of projects carried out with funds contributed through OGHS. Since the Conference has only one copy, churches are urged to arrange for early scheduling so that it can be made available to as many churches as possible.

Central America Study/Reflection/Action Guide assembled by Terry SoRelle, Director of Human Rights Program, American Friends Service Committee, Portland, is available for purchase from the Conference Office. Cost for the packet is \$5.

The Conference Office has a limited number of the UCC Peace Notebook for perusal by local congregations. Containing over 300 pages, the Notebook contains materials on a wide number of topics: Bible, worship, church/community activities, UCC policy statements, weapons, international relations, congressional advocacy and resources.

Heads of Heaven, Feet of Clay, written by Charles McCollough who was a recent visitor to the Conference, contains stories of adult faith development, methods of adult education and practical session plans. A limited number of this excellent adult education resource is available through the Conference for \$11.95.



**To believe is to care
To care is to do**
United Church of Christ

The Conference Information and Interpretation still has 40 bumper stickers with the above-printed message. Cost is \$1 per sticker or 25% off if a minimum of 10 are ordered. May be ordered through the Conference Office.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING TO BE RECEIVED ON APRIL 1



"A recent World Health Organization report says that each year twelve million babies die of diseases that are easily curable in our time," write Richard and Nancy Sales, United Church of Christ missionaries in Kitwe, Zambia. "The Christian population of our world could easily save half of those babies who will die in 1984. We have

access to Church World Service and many other organizations deeply committed to bringing joy out of the pain of starvation, sickness, and homelessness."

As witnessed by these missionaries, Church World Service does reach many persons in need throughout the world. We in the United Church of Christ join many other denominations in supporting the good work of this organization through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing this year!

BOARD RECEIVES ENCOURAGING 1983 FINANCIAL REPORT, APPROVE TRIMMED-DOWN 1984 BUDGET

Meeting February 3-4, members of the Conference Executive Board heard Conference Treasurer Scott Clements report that the Conference ended 1983 in the black with local church OCWM support having been received in excess of the accepted 1983 goals. At the same meeting, The Reverend Greg Turner, Chairperson of the Financial Support Department, revealed that OCWM goals for 1984, while ahead of 1983 receipts, were running behind the hoped for target goal of \$270,000 by \$18,000. Members of the Executive Board emerged from the meeting feeling, for the most part, that the cuts made would not damage Conference program substantially.

At the same meeting the Camp Adams Administration Committee reported a 1983 balance of \$25,000 and approved a 1984 budget of \$172,260.

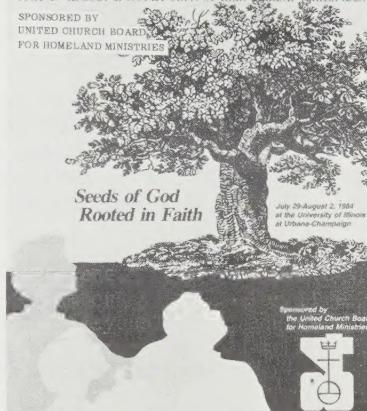
SELECTION PROCESS UNDERWAY FOR CPC YOUTH DELEGATION

Applications have been received and a committee of the Christian Nurture Department has been assigned the responsibility for selecting the youth and adults who will attend the 1984 National Youth Event at Urbana-Champaign, Ill., at the end of July. Plans are being made to commission the delegation at the Spring Assembly.

1984 NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT

JULY 29 - AUGUST 2, 1984 AT UNIV. OF ILL., URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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NESTLE BOYCOTT CONCLUDED

After seven years of struggle, the International Nestle Boycott Committee and the Nestle Corporation have come to an agreement on guidelines for the company's marketing of baby formula in developing countries. Nestle announced its agreement to endorse and implement the International Infant Formula Code of the World Health Organization. The Boycott Committee commended Nestle "for taking the leadership in industry's compliance with the International Code."

In correspondance to Conference Ministers, UCC President Avery Post wrote: "We know you share our joy and sense of achievement with the announcement that the Nestle Boycott comes to a successful conclusion. The United Church of Christ has played a leading role in this accomplishment...Now is a time for us to rejoice and celebrate this very successful action which begins to safeguard the children of the Third World from hazards related to the inappropriate marketing of infant formula. You should therefore in all good conscience consider Nestle products in your consumer decisions."

The Local Scene

The Reverend Leonard Leisy, who retired from the American Falls Church in December, has been called as Interim Minister, First Congregational Church, Pocatello. Between responsibilities the Leisys have enjoyed a trip to the Holy Lands.

Meridian United Church of Christ, Wilsonville,
is looking for 20 copies of the 1958 Pilgrim
Hymnal for purchase or free. A sign of growth
or replacement of old hymnals? A sign of
growth! Also a sign of growth: the establish-
ment of a building committee.

The Peace Covenant Committee at Hillsdale Community Church, Portland, has published a collection of thoughts and reflections on peace. The collection includes comments and prayers written by Pastor Rick Skidmore and laity in the church.

According to the most recent edition of the Pilgrim Cove News, The Reverend Arden Fritz will return to Pilgrim Cove as manager this Summer. Also returning will be Waterfront Director Maggie Hopffgarten and cook Ede Wilson.

The Reverend Bob Klein, Portland, is recuperating from open heart surgery he underwent in January. Cards and notes would be an encouragement to Bob at this time.

Dr. Ruben Huennemann will be speaking to the adult seminar at Community Church of Cedar Hills on his recent trip to East Germany and the celebration of Martin Luther's 500th birthday. Ruben is willing and eager to share the insights he gains from his on-going visits to Germany.

The Parkrose Peacemakers are sponsoring a series of Thursday evenings with Gene Ross around the theme of Peace Awareness. Included will be individual peace, peace in relationships with others, and world peace.

Egbert S. Oliver, active member at First Congregational, Portland, has published a book on Thomas Condon. Entitled Thomas Condon of Oregon, A Man with a Mission, the book is available through the church at \$4 per copy. Proceeds go to the Helen Oliver Memorial Lecture Fund.

The Reverend Cynthia Lindner was installed as Associate Minister at First Congregational Church, Corvallis, on February 12.

CHOIR FESTIVAL SCHEDULED
FOR UCC COLLEGE
HERITAGE DAY

An event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the School of Music at Pacific University and celebrating UCC Collegiate Heritage Day will occur on Sunday, April 29, when singers from Conference churches converge on the Pacific campus to join ranks in a choir festival. Singers will gather in the afternoon to rehearse for the evening choir service which will include comments by Conference Minister Don Sevetson and Pacific President Robert Duvall. It is hoped that the evening choir service will attract UCC folks from a wide area. This event is being co-ordinated by Florence Chino of the Music Department at Pacific and Associate Conference Minister Eugene Ross.

Each year on the Sunday following Easter, UCD congregations are encouraged to acknowledge and celebrate the historic relationships between the church and its 30 colleges and academies.

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